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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

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Letter No.: 90-108

SUBJECT: SSI/SSP RECIPIENTS DISCONTINUED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1991
(LYNCH v. RANK) - - 503 LEADS

REFERENCE: Section 3--503 Leads, pages 3-1 through 3-3 of the Pickle Handbook

The above referenced section of the Pickle Handbook describes procedures counties are to follow upon receipt of the 503 Leads computer listing. A sample copy is enclosed. This listing, which contains the names and addresses of Medi-Cal beneficiaries who will be discontinued from SSI/SSP in January 1991 due to the Title II Social Security cost of living increase, will be mailed to the Pickle Coordinator the first week in January 1991. Counties will receive monthly updated listings during the months of February through May 1991. The May listing will indicate those individuals, if any, for whom counties have not taken action. Additional names will not be added to the listings; however, the names of those individuals who have been reinstated on SSI/SSP, had their Pickle status updated, or have been determined eligible for Medi-Cal as a Pickle eligible will be deleted. Once all of the names have been deleted, your county will no longer receive a listing.

At the same time the listing is provided to you, notices are sent by the Department of Health Services (DHS) to affected beneficiaries. A sample copy of the notice is enclosed.

Pursuant to the Lynch v. Rank court order, counties must ensure that the eligibility determination on these 503 Leads individuals is completed prior to discontinuance on April 30, 1991. If a delay has prevented counties from contacting or completing a determination on the remaining individuals by the April month of eligibility (MOE), Medi-Cal cards must continue to be issued through the appropriate county until a determination has been completed. Please refer to Section 3--503 Leads, pages 3-1 through 3-3 of your Pickle Handbook for extending Medi-Cal Eligibility for the May MOE and ongoing until a redetermination is completed.

Throughout this process the staff of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch Policy and Operations Sections will be available to assist you with timely implementation.

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NOTE: If a redetermination has not been completed by the end of April 1991, counties must submit the appropriate Medi-Cal Eligibility Data Systems (MEDS) transaction to establish continuing Pickle eligibility for May and ongoing until a redetermination is completed. If Medi-Cal eligibility is established as a Pickle aid type, county welfare departments (CWDs) will submit updates to MEDS to establish ongoing eligibility. Since these records have a future term date, an EW 20 transaction must be submitted as an Inter Program Transfer (IPT). The Pickle status code will automatically be updated by these transactions.

However, if a beneficiary is determined to be currently ineligible for Medi-Cal benefits as a Pickle aid type, CWDs are required to submit an EW60 transaction (Modify Pickle Status Information) to MEDS to update the Pickle status to show that the beneficiary is potentially Pickle eligible (Tickler file).

Please direct any policy questions to Mary Maestas-Sandoval at (916) 327-7155/ATSS 467-7155. MEDS questions should be directed to your State MEDS liaison.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

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Enclosures

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants
Pickle Coordinators